

ORDINANCE NO: 5362

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PREVIOUS  
ORDINANCE 4388, CODIFIED AS CITY CODE,  
TITLE 6, ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2-331(a), TO  
EXTEND THE SUNSET CLAUSE SET FORTH  
THEREIN UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2010.**

**WHEREAS**, after full consideration of the factual findings established by comprehensive studies and reviews undertaken by expert consultants engaged by the City Administration, Ordinance No. 4388 was adopted on February 20, 1996 by the Memphis City Council based upon its determination that the City has a compelling interest to fully remedy the ongoing effects of past and present discrimination against African Americans and female business owners in both the public and private sectors of its marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, The Council reasoned that as a passive participant in a system of racial and gender exclusion practiced by elements of the local construction, professional and supply industries, the City has an affirmative duty to dismantle such a system; and

**WHEREAS**, This affirmative duty also entailed the continuation of initiatives to encourage the development of local small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a compelling interest to assure that public dollars derived from tax collection and revenues are not utilized to further discriminatory practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 4388, as originally adopted, included a provision that the ordinance and program would expire June 30, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, since such time, Ordinance No. 4388 has been amended on numerous occasions to extend the sunset clause based upon the continuous need to provide time for the undertaking of an new disparity study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council, having received the completed disparity study and Executive Summary on April 13, 2010, desires to extend the current Ordinance sunset from June 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the scheduled dates of deliverables and estimated date for completion of the disparity study are such that the process for soliciting public comment and timeframe for Council study should be sufficient before acting on the findings and recommendations related to said ordinance, and after consideration it is deemed in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Memphis that said ordinance be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS,** that Ordinance No. 4388, codified as City Code Title 6, Division 5, Section 2-331 is hereby revised to amend subsection (a) by extending the current termination date of June 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010 and to read as follows:

“Section 2-331(a). Miscellaneous.

- (a) Sunset Clause. The Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program shall expire on December 31, 2010, unless prior to such date the City Council, after conducting public hearings, finds that the purposes of this Division have not yet been achieved, in which case it may extend the effective period of this Division for an additional five (5) years.”

**SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that all other terms and conditions of Ordinance #4388, codified as City Code Title 6, Division 5, Section 2-331(a) shall remain in full force and effect through such extension date of December 31, 2010.

**SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts are held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairperson of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of the Mayor in writing by the Comptroller, and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE  
# 5362 PASSED  
1st Reading 5-11-10  
2nd Reading 5-25-10  
3rd Reading 6-8-10  
Approved [Signature]  
Chairman of Council  
Date Signed: 06/24/10  
Approved: [Signature]  
Mayor, City of Memphis  
Date Signed: 6/28/2010  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and said document was adopted by the Council of the City of Memphis as above indicated and approved by the Mayor.  
Valerie C. Snipe  
Comptroller